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Each year 50,000 American educators participate in international exchange programs, and each year many of them discover that the instructional methods and techniques that have proved successful with their American students are not sufficient to meet the challenges of teaching across cultures. This guide provides strategies, resources, and techniques for meeting the challenges offered by teaching abroad. Specific advice is offered on negotiating teaching loads and class assignments, team-teaching with host professors, making lectures more effective, relating classroom material to students' cultural context, evaluating students, accommodating national testing programs, fostering connections with host colleagues, and finding the time and resources to conduct research. Logistical challenges are covered as well--suggestions for coping with limited books and supplies, library resources, and support services; using technology to support instruction; and arranging lecture tours. Resource appendices include sources of fellowships, scholarships, and travel and research grants; planning resources for faculty exchanges (organized by region); resources for advising foreign students on study in the United States; and organizations promoting cultural affiliations and linkages between institutions. (LL)

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